

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

September 19, 2000

ORDER (Part 1)

CONSUMERS MAINE WATER COMPANY-
MILLINOCKET
Proposed Rate Change (7.65% Increase in Revenue)

Docket No. 2000-96

CONSUMERS MAINE WATER COMPANY-
CAMDEN/ROCKLAND
Proposed Rate Change (5.88% Increase in Revenue)

Docket No. 2000-175

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

I. SUMMARY

We allow Consumers Maine Water Company's Millinocket Division to increase its rates by 4.31% and the Camden & Rockland Division by 2.62%. We find that the weighted average cost of capital for both divisions is 9.64%.

II. DECISION

On February 4, 2000, CMWC filed its application for a 7.65% overall increase in rates (\$89,800) for the Millinocket Division. It filed its application for a 5.88% increase in rates (\$220,000) for the Camden & Rockland Division on February 29, 2000.

We deliberated both cases on September 11, 2000. Based on our analysis of the evidence presented in these proceedings, we find that the revenue increase for the Millinocket Division is \$50,593 and the Camden & Rockland Division of \$97,814. Our decision is reflected in the attached Exhibits 1, 2 and 3. This decision is based on a 10.0% cost of equity and on the weighted average cost of capital of 9.64%.

Pursuant to Chapter 110, § 1003(b) of the Commission's rules, the Commission will issue its decision in this case in two parts. Part 1, issued at this time states the revenue increase findings of the Commission. The second part, to be issued on or before September 25, 2000, we state in detail the factual findings underlying those conclusions.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That the Millinocket Division of Consumers Maine Water Company file rate schedules in compliance with the findings described in the body of this Order. The rate schedules filed on February 4, 2000, are denied effect as unreasonable.

2. That the Camden & Rockland Division file rate schedules in compliance with findings described in the body of this Order. The rate schedules filed on February 29, 2000, are denied effect as unreasonable.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 19th day of September, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond

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